"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

It's appropriate that we take some time to discuss a device that is being sold with claims to reduce electricity costs. Some have already been sold in this county. They are called electrical transient voltage suppressor devices or power surge suppressors or similar name. The selling price is $125 -$175. Some claims suggest a 30% reduction in electrical usage. The word here is **don't** bite! With everyone cost conscious and feeling the need to conserve energy, they are quick to look for means to save.

At least six different labs, including Virginia Tech, have tested this or similar devices and all report no reduction in energy consumption.

Virginia Tech says - "Our test unequivocally demonstrates that no significant energy savings exists with the use of these devices."

Lehigh University reports - "Adding powerguard units to the circuits made little, if any, difference in terms at power factor, watt meter reading, or watt-hour meter reading."

Kalglo Electronics Company, Inc. says - "Results of the test show no savings in power consumed by the motor."

The device is small, about the size of a receptacle outlet box. The prime contact or customer is one who has electric bills based on "peak demands." Granted these devices may be useful in reducing electrical voltage transients, but not peak load demands as measured by the electric utility.

Sheep numbers have been dropping, especially in the West, because of the lack of preditor control. Some reports indicate that not only are sheep numbers down, but deer and antelope numbers are also decreasing. At last the sheep producer has the sportsman on his side and the tide may turn, but then it may be too late to put sheep back on the ranges again.

A two-day program on grape production will be held at Virginia Tech October 24-25. This should be a worthwhile program for the amateur or the commercial grower.

All cattle on feed July 1 were up 12%. Total beef production January - June 1978 was down 2% from last year. Veal production was down 14% from last year. All cattle and calves in the U.S. on July 1 were down 7%from a year earlier and down 13%from 1973. Significant is that beef cows are 9% from a year earlier and 20% below 1973 and beef replacements are down 8% from last and 27% from the peak year of 1973.

All this is to say beef prices in the store will be up for a while and the beef producer, if he watches costs, should expect reasonable profits for the next couple of years.

Old Timers To Play Baseball in Lynchburg Tonight, August 31st

The Old Timers Baseball Team from the Appomattox area will play a baseball game in Lynchburg City Stadium tonight, Thursday, August 31st, at 6 p.m.

Playing from the area will be such old timers as Nat Reeser, Crawford Davidson, Harry Tucker, Talley Wood, Jerry Thomas and Dave Campbell.

They wil be playing the Old Timers from Salem.

Gospel Sing Planned At Baptist Temple

The Appomattox Baptist Temple will have a gospel sing on Saturday night, September 2, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Karen Gibson Attends National Symposia In Washington D.C.

Karen Gibson, who teaches at the Appomattox Music Studio, recently attended a week-long seminar on teaching music to young children sponsored by Yamaha Corporation at the Catholic University of America in Washington,D.C. August 12-18.

This seminar provided intensive training in child psychology and development of musicianship in young children. This was accomplished through demonstrations taught by master teachers with children from the Washington area, lectures, practice sessions, and assignments prepared and presented by each teacher present.

Mrs. Gibson, who holds the Bachelor in Music Education and Master of Science degrees from Longwood College received a Certificate of Achievement for successful completion of the seminar.

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Rev. Hawkins Accepts Position At Appomattox Baptist Temple

The Appomattox Baptist Temple is pleased to announce that Rev. Ronald E. Hawkins has accepted the position of Interim Pastor of the church.

Rev. Hawkins, currently a professor of Homiletics and Counseling Methods at Liberty Baptist College, is a graduate of Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, New York; Burrington College in Providence, Rhode Island; and Gordon Divinity School. At present he is enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at Westminister Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Rev. Hawkins is married to the former Peggy Dickerson and has four children, Bradley who is 14; Scott, age 13; Kimberly, age 10; and Cynthia who is 5. They are shown in above photo.

Rev. Hawkins is a former pastor of a church in Onsonta, New York.

The members of the Appomattox Baptist Temple invite everyone to come hear this outstanding Bible teacher and warm Christian gentleman.

Services are held each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday evening services at 7:30 p.m.

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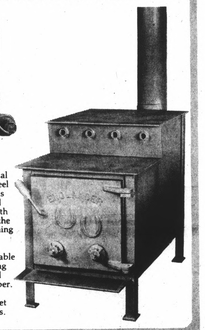

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"Kit" Carson Enlists In U.S. Coast Guard

Walton Henson (Kit) Carson, Jr., left above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henson Carson of Appomattox, was enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard on Monday, August 21st, 1978.

Kit, a 1978 graduate of Prince Edward Academy in Farmville, was sworn in at the Coast Guard recruiting office in Roanoke. Kit will be going to the Coast Guard's Training Center in Cape May, N.J. for his recruit training. He will be there for ten weeks and upon completion of his training there, will be assigned to one of many various Coast Guard Units. Kit is interested in the Machinery Technician Field. He is shown with another recruit.

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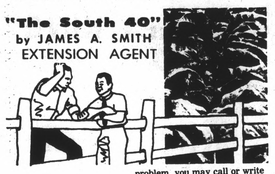

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

CAREER CHOICES START EARLY

Parents, it is important that you help your child begin career choices early in life. This process starts in pre-school years and continues through adult life. There are some ways that you, as parents, and other adults can have a positive effect on the career development decisions your child will make. Some of these ways are as follows:

1. Through conversation and toys, allow the child to think and make decisions.

2. When children talk about particular careers at an early age, ask questions about why this job is appealing to them and why they have developed an interest in it.

3. A question to help children think about alternate choices of careers might be, "If for some reason you couldn't get into your chosen career,w hat other things would you want to do?"

4. Help your child to explore all types of careers in order to eliminate any sex bias in choosing a career. Girls can be doctors and lawyers, as well as a boy.

5. When a child aks, "What do you think I should be, "try to point out the qualities the child possesses which might be appropriate for certain types of careers.

6. Try to help your child understand your career without encouraging or discouraging him to choose the same career. Don't try to force children into a mold the parents have developed.

7. Encourage children to ask as many people as possible about their jobs.

8. Field trips allow children to see people at work in a variety of jobs. This is most helpful and eye-opening for the children.

9. Help children to explore hobbies and leisure activities that are productive and useful which could lead to career choices.

10. Help the child to relate the importance of school experiences to later career choices. Encourage your child to make the most of each school opportunity.

11. Part-time work outside the home allows the child to explore career interests and discover a sense of pride and accomplishment that can come from work.

12. Encourage conferences with teachers and counselors about career hopes and plans and follow-up with family discussions.

13. Visit your child's school to find out how teachers feel about the child's chosen career and where some of the best schools or facilities are located for pursuing this training.

14. Training in a specific, as well as an adaptable job skill, may be equally important.

15. At the present time, a college degree is still important, but help think through a variety of past high school experiences for career development.

16. Help your child analyze their career choice as they get older and see where this choice will take them. For example, a rural oriented young person might be unhappy in a big metropolitan area. Likewise, a person use to living in a big metropolitan area might be quite unhappy in a rural environment. This is an important aspect of career choices, also. Some careers take you to the big cities, and some will take you to the rural environments.

Homemakers, if you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call or write the Appomattox County Extension Office. Our number is 352-8244 and our Post Office Box is 488. It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Peach Pickles

8 pounds peeled peaches (small to medium-sized)
1 tablespoon ginger
3 pounds sugar
2 tablespoons whole cloves, crushed
1 quart vinegar
4 sticks cinnamon (2 inches long)

Wash and peel peaches with a sharp knife and drop into a cold salt and vinegar water solution (2 tablespoons each of salt and vinegar per gallon water). Dissolve sugar in vinegar in preserving kettle and put on range to heat. Boil 5 minutes an skim. Add spices (tied loosely in cheesecloth). Wash salt-vinegar water off peaches and drain well. Drop drained peaches into boiling sirup and cook until they can be pierced with a fork, but not soft. Remove from range and allow peaches to set in sirup overnight to plump. Bring to a boil and pack into hot, preheated jars, leaving ½-inch head space. Cover with sirup. Fill and close jars. Process for 20 minutes. Cool and store. Makes about 3 quarts.

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Appomattox County DECA Host District XVI Planning Session

The Appomattox County High School DECA Chapter was host for the District XVI planning session, held on August 17, 1978.

District XVI is composed of the following schools: Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham County, Cumberland, E. C. Glass, Heritage, Jefferson Forest, Prince Edward and Rustburg.

The purpose of the planning session was to set up the guidelines for the district for the coming school year and to select persons to head up competitive events for district contest.

After the meeting refreshments were served which were provided by the Appomattox County High School DECA Chapter.

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Hooks 5½ Pound Bass

Warren Thoma, center, is shown with a five and one-half pound bass he caught while fishing with Lance Nilsen, cousin visiting from New York State, and Ronald Thoma. The fish was caught in the Thoma farm pond.

Warren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Thoma of Route 1, Appomattox.

Boy Scouts Complete Week-End of Hard Work

David Totty, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Allen Harville, Assistant Scoutmaster, of Boy Scout Troop 546 in Appomattox congratulate each other on having completed a week-end of hard work and service with the Order of the Arrow.

The Order of the Arrow is a group of honor campers elected by the members of their troop. David completed his ordeal required for membership this past week-end. He was the first boy elected to membership by Troop 546.

Allen, already a member of the Order, was accepted into the next higher level of Brotherhood.

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Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending August 20, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	4,698.40
Amelia	1,916.39
Amherst	1,991.42
Appomattox	13,160.45
Bedford County	3,946.69
Buckingham	10,940.16
Campbell	3,722.24
Charlotte	2,388.17
Cumberland	3,023.76
Goochland	1,255.37
Halifax	316.56
Louisa	601.95
Nelson	7,234.46
Pittsylvania	2,186.88
Prince Edward	10,754.19
Prince William	555.84
Rockbridge	257.27
Total	68,950.20

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in this county as well as in adjoining counties.

Catherine Woodson Joins Navy

AUGUST 18 - Navy Seaman Recruit Catherine L. Woodson, daughter of Hattie M. Almond of Route 3, Box 354B, Appomattox, Va., has reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

She joined the Navy in March 1978.

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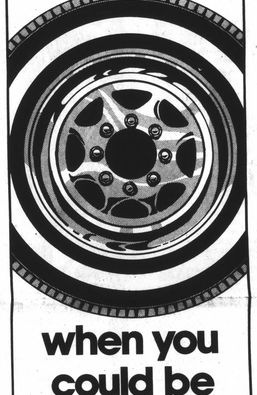

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